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REF: SOFIA 1129, HURWITZ-HOUSTON LETTER, DECEMBER 8

1. BULGARIAN EMBASSY RAISED KHRISTOV CASE WITH DEPARTMENT IN NOVEMBER 1972 IN GENERALLY SAME TERMS AS MFA. DEPARTMENT RESPONSE WAS TO TELL BULGARIANS THAT IT COULD PLAY NO ROLE IN THIS MATTER AND THAT RULING AS TO WHETHER BOY, WHO WAS PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN, WOULD RETURN TO BULGARIA OR REMAIN IN CALIFORNIA WOULD BE MADE BY CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES. DEPARTMENT SUBSEQUENTLY GAVE BULGARIAN EMBASSY NAME AND ADDRESS OF WARREN MORSE, DEPUTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BOY'S WELFARE.

2. IN APRIL 1973 THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY SENT A NOTE TO THE DEPARTMENT REPEATING ITS EARLIER REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING THE BOY'S RETURN TO BULGARIA. THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY SENT IN A NOTE OF JUNE 26 WAS AS FOLLOWS: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO THE NOTE OF APRIL 24, 1973 FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA CONCERNING LUBOMIR CHRISTOFF CHRISTOFF. AS THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED, LUBOMIR CHRISTOFF CHRISTOFF IS UNDER THE GUARDIAN-

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SHIP OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN OF OFANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BOY'S WELFARE AND HIS POSSIBLE RETURN TO BULGARIA SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR. JAMES E. HEIM, PUBLIC GUARDIAN, COUNTY OF ORANGE, BOX 11526 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92711 END TEXT

3. ON JULY 17, A BULGARIAN EMBASSY OFFICER INFORMED A DEPARTMENT OFFICER THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOY'S WISHES, A CALIFORNIA COURT HAD RULED THAT THE BOY SHOULD RETURN TO BULGARIA. ON AUGUST 2, HOWEVER, WARREN MORSE SENT A LETTER TO THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY (WITH A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT) SAYING THAT THE BOY HAD CHANGED HIS MIND AND HAD REQUESTED COURT TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER HEARING ON HIS CASE. (COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED)

4. ON AUGUST 29, MORSE TOLD DEPTOFF THAT CASE WOULD BE HEARD IN COURT ON SEPTEMBER 6. MORSE SAID THAT BULGARIAN EMBASSY HAD NOT RAISED POSSIBILITY EITHER OF SEEING KHRISTOV BOY OR OF HIRING LAWYER TO REPRESENT PARENTS IN COURT.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD REITERATE TO MFA DEPARTMENT'S POSITION THAT THIS MATTER FOR DECISION BY CALIFORNIA COURT. IT SHOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT PARENTS MAY WISH AS IS CUSTOMARY IN SUCH CUSTODY CASES, TO RETAIN LAWYER TO REPRESENT THEM AT COURT HEARING. EMBASSY SHOULD SUGGEST THAT THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT SEPTEMBER 6 HEARING MIGHT BE POSTPONED IF LAWYER ACTING ON BEHALF OF PARENTS SO REQUESTED IN ORDER TO BETTER PREPARE POSITION. DEPT HAS MADE THESE POINTS TO THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY.

6. GIVEN STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT COURT WILL RULE THAT BOY SHOULD REMAIN IN US, EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID ANY COMPARISON WITH BULGARIAN RECORD ON FAMILY UNIFICATION. IN MORE GENERAL TERMS, WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE BULGARIANS IMPRESSION THAT WE INTEND TO USE KHRISTOV CASE IN ANY WAY TO EXTRACT QUID PRO QUO ON DIVIDED FAMILIES FROM GOB. ROGERS

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